

THE LACLEDE BLADE

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The Automobile Age

An automobile for every fifth family in the United States by the close of 1917. This is the prediction made by automobile statisticians who prophesied a year ago that by the end of 1916 there would be an automobile for every ten families.

The progress and distribution of automobiles in past years exceeded expectations to such an extent that those who have been identified with the industry since its infancy, is averse to predicting what the close of 1917 will bring. However, it is estimated that there will be at least 1,500,000 cars produced this year, but it would be no surprise if twice that number were put out.

The average price of automobiles based on the fiscal year ended last July was \$625. In 1899 the average price of the steam runabouts was \$1,284, while gas cars in 1907 averaged \$2,134.

To-day many of our roads carry a motor traffic far in excess of the total traffic of all classes carried 12 years ago. At the present time there are about 2,500,000 motor vehicles in use on our public roads, or about one motor vehicle for every mile of road. With the coming of better country roads the number of cars is increasing rapidly and the time is not far off when large motor trucks will be doing a heavy freight business between towns on the main highways.

England Wants Beet Sugar Industry

Great Britain is rapidly learning sound economics from America. She is now proposing to grant guarantees of interest upon capital in order to develop a beet-sugar industry. She has had a demonstration of the folly of being dependent upon other nations for her sugar supply when there are 4,000,000 acres in Great Britain that have gone out of cultivation in the last 25 years. The United States is still an importer of sugar, but we have built up a very extensive industry by the aid of bounties or a protective tariff. The democratic party proposed to remove the sugar duty but thought better of it when a year of depression demonstrated what the effect would be.

Fulton Likes "Dry" Regime

A year ago Fulton was voted dry. Twelve months' experience without saloons has proved the satisfaction and value in many ways of adopting the local option law, the citizens say.

Grocery stores have replaced the saloons, not only occupying the former locations of the bars, but in other ways as well. Formerly, the pay checks of several large employing concerns in Fulton were cashed across the bar on Saturday night, and some the coin remained. Now the grocery stores cash most of the pay checks, selling bills of groceries at the same time to the wage earners.

A census of the business section shows that the city has a larger number of retail merchants, with more floor space occupied, than it had before the special election a year ago.

During the year that followed the election the city paid off several thousand dollars' worth of outstanding improvement bonds, paid the salaries of its officials and met its current expenses, notwithstanding the loss of the saloon license fees.

Gen. Pershing Returns

The American punitive expedition sent into Mexico last spring to capture Villa "dead or alive" marched back upon American soil Monday with the main object of its invasion of Mexico unaccomplished. But it is no fault of General Pershing and his men that they accomplished nothing on the expedition.

Riding at the head of the American column, Gen. Pershing, commanding the expedition, led his men across the international line at 8:30 a. m.

As the front ranks of the winding across the desert set foot upon the soil of their home land, the men broke into wild cheering and shouting. The column as it covered the final border, was nearly 15 miles in length.

Before marching across the border the American flag was dipped salute. The expedition formed in a hollow square at Palomas Lakes, five miles from the border on the Mexican side. With 12,000 men standing at attention the hands played the "Star Spangled Banner," while the Stars and Stripes fluttered to the ground. Then the columns formed and pushed toward the international line.

For more than four hours the bronzed veterans of the Mexican campaign swung through rising dust clouds, the men laughing and cheering at every step.

With his headquarters' company, Gen. Pershing crossed the line first. The infantry followed the commander and then the cavalry and artillery. The withdrawal of the American expedition from Mexico was completed.

Cost of Health Is Low

Keeping healthy is an inexpensive process, Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the department of preventive medicine of the University of Missouri says. It only requires a little thought and a slight bit of attention to our own physical welfare.

To substantiate his statement, Dr. Ravenel quotes the following from a health bulletin of the city of Toronto, Canada:

We hear very much of the high cost of living, but we overlook the fact that many of the best things of life may be had for nothing.

It costs nothing to stand up and walk and breathe properly.

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It costs nothing to chew the food thoroughly.

It costs nothing to select the food that is best suited to the body.

It costs nothing to clean the teeth twice a day.

It costs no more to stop using patent medicines.

It costs no more to read good books than thrashy literature.

It costs nothing to have a cheerful, happy disposition, and stop having grouches.

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HORSES AND MULES—Three coming 4 year old draft mares; 2 coming 3 year old old draft mares; 1 coming 4 year old saddle and harness mare; 1 aged mare; 1 coming 3 year old mule; 1 coming 2 year old mule. CATTLE—Ten cows, all giving milk, 7 with calves by side. One coming yearling heifer. HOGS—Two brood sows; 18 thrifty shcats. This is a good bunch of stock. If in need of something of the kind be sure and come to the sale. FARM IMPLEMENTS—One good farm wagon; iron wheel low wagon with 16 foot frame; 1 surrey; Hayes corn planter; John Deere disc harrow; Long Tom rake; 2 cultivators; mowing machine; 16-inch breaking plow; 16-inch sulkey plow; 12-inch breaking plow; two section harrow; Beatrice cream separator, used only short time; large size rendering kettle; 2 sets wagon harness; 1 set driving or all purpose harness; 1 set of plow harness; One Tulsa silo, 14 by 24. 600 or 700 bushels of corn in crib. Some hay in rick and some in barn. About 5 dozen chickens.

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